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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte:

Access Charge Reform and Price Cap Performance Review for Local

Exchange Carriers - CC Docket Nos. 94-1 and 96-262

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 24, 2002, Bob McDonnell, Ed Shakin, and the undersigned, met with Dan Gonzalez of Commissioner Martin's office to discuss Verizon's filings in support of the scheduled increases in the subscriber line charge caps originally established under the CALLS access charge plan. The attached material was used in the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Office of the Secretary. Please associate this notification with the record in the proceedings indicated above. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (202) 515-2530.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Randolph

Attachment

cc: Dan Gonzalez

# Cost Review Proceeding for Residential and Single-Line Business Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) Caps (CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1)

## The Verizon Cost Submissions Fully Support An Increase In The SLC Rate Cap

- The CMT, BFP and forward-looking cost study results for the Verizon jurisdictions justify the scheduled increase.
- The CALLS plan is intended to provide regulatory certainty and a clear blueprint for all parties in making their business plans. The scheduled increase in the rate cap to \$6.00 is an integral part of the overall CALLS plan.
- In the *CALLS Order*, the Commission adopted the average Price Cap CMT per-line as part of the capping mechanism for SLCs.
- The Commission found that the elimination of PICCs and CCL charges on IXCs through phased-in increases in SLCs would eliminate distortions in the rate structure. Residence and single-line business customers currently receive a subsidy of about \$1.19 billion from the interexchange carriers and multiline business customers
- There is no reason to stray from the rules put into place with CALLS.

## Forward Looking Economic Costs Should Not Be Used To Set Rates

- The forward-looking costs analyses should not be used to prescribe a maximum subscriber line charge or to limit the revenues for price cap carriers.
- Price cap maximum rates are not based on forward-looking costs. The Commission's
  access charge reform policies rely primarily on market forces, rather than rate
  prescriptions, to set access charges.
- When the Commission adopted the Synthesis Cost model, it made it clear that the model
  was developed solely for the purpose of distributing universal service support and not for
  developing rates.

#### There Is No Need To Reargue Issues That Are Outside The Scope Of This Proceeding

 Section 254(k) addresses cost allocation rules, not the method by which costs are recovered under the CALLS plan. Loop cost allocation, as recommended by NASUCA, discourage deployment of DSL services and should be rejected. The loop costs are the same whether a customer purchases dial tone service alone or dial tone plus DSL

### Access Lines By SLC Ranges

|              | SLC < \$5.00 | \$5.01 to \$6.00 | \$6.01 to \$6.49 | SLC @ \$6.50 |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Access Lines | 842,050      | 10,531,533       | 27,448,738       | 22,233,053   |
| % of Total   | 1.4%         | 17.2%            | 45.0%            | 36.4%        |

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| LC Cost  | Information  |   |                   |                  |                   |                   |                   |
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|          | ļ            |   |                   |                  |                   | Jul-02            | Jul-03            |
| -        |              |   |                   | ļ                | 25%               | SLC Cap @ \$6.00  | SLC Cap @ \$6.5   |
| State    | COSA         | Company Name                                    | CMT               | BFP              | FLC               | Rate @ cap Y or N | Rate @ cap Y or I |
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| <u>A</u> | <u>B</u>     | <u>C</u>  | <u>D</u>          | <u>E</u>         | <u>E</u>          | <u>G</u>          | <u>H</u>          |
| IL       | GAIL         | Verizon Illinois (summary GTE)                  | \$8.14            | \$6.65           | \$12.32           | Y                 | Y                 |
| IN       | GAIN         | Verizon Indiana (summary GTE/Contel)            | \$9.31<br>\$7.02  | \$6.62           | \$14.43           | Y                 | Y                 |
| MI       | GAMI         | Verizon Michigan (summary GTE/Contel)           | \$6.39            | \$7.39           | \$11.48           | Y                 | N                 |
| МО       | COMT         | Verizon Missouri (summary Contel)               |                   | \$10.64          | \$11.84           | Y                 | Y                 |
| PA       | COPT         | Verizon Pennsylvania (summary Contel)           | \$10.54           | \$5.96           | \$16.74           | Y                 | Y                 |
| SC       | GTST         | Verizon So. Carolina (summary GTE/Contel)       | \$10.53<br>\$7.55 | \$7.61<br>\$5.95 | \$9.22<br>\$8.58  | Y                 | Ÿ                 |
| CA       | GTCA         | Verizon California Inc. Verizon California Inc. | \$8.54            | \$6.72           | \$19.40           | Y                 | Y                 |
| CA       | COCA         |   |                   |                  |                   | Y                 | Y                 |
| NV       | CONV         | Verizon California Inc.                         | \$13.66<br>\$8.34 | \$7.84<br>\$7.50 | \$13.51<br>\$8.07 | Y                 | Y                 |
| FL       | GTFL         | Verizon Florida Inc.                            | \$7.26            | \$6.91           | \$14.27           | Y                 | Y                 |
| HI<br>MO | GTMO         | Verizon Midwest Inc.                            | \$6.79            | \$11.85          | \$9.22            | Y                 | Y                 |
|          | <del></del>  | Verizon North Inc.                              | \$7.91            | \$6.94           |                   | Y                 | Y                 |
| OH<br>PA | GTOH<br>GTPA | Verizon North Inc.                              | \$7.62            | \$6.68           | \$11.31           | Y                 | Y                 |
| WI       | GTWI         | Verizon North Inc.                              | \$6.57            | \$7.53           | \$11.42           | Y                 | Y                 |
| IL.      | COIL         | Verizon North Inc.                              | \$9.95            | \$5.25           | \$10.28           | Y                 | Ÿ                 |
| IN       | COIN         | Verizon North Inc.                              | \$9.67            | \$5.75           | \$14.33           | Y                 | Y                 |
| ID       | GTID         | Verizon Northwest Inc.                          | \$16.35           | \$15.39          | \$11.96           | Ÿ                 | Y                 |
| OR       | GTOR         | Verizon Northwest Inc.                          | \$10.33           | \$7.06           | \$10.18           | Y                 | Ÿ                 |
| WA       | GTWA         | Verizon Northwest Inc.                          | \$9.37            | \$6.46           | \$9.49            | Ÿ                 | Y                 |
| WA       |              | Verizon Northwest Inc.                          | \$12.10           | \$5.62           | \$15.79           | Ÿ                 | Y                 |
| AL       | GTAL         | Verizon South Alabama Inc.                      | \$9.97            | \$12.88          | \$12.81           | Ÿ                 | Ÿ                 |
| KY       | GTKY         | Verizon South Inc.                              | \$9.27            | \$8.41           | \$10.41           | Y                 | Y                 |
| NC       | GTNC         | Verizon South Carolina Inc.                     | \$10.95           | \$9.47           | \$8.43            | Ÿ                 | Y                 |
| VA       | GTVA         | Verizon South Inc.                              | \$8.55            | \$12.20          | \$12.86           | Y                 | Y                 |
| KY       | COKY         | Verizon South Inc.                              | \$7.60            | \$14.09          | \$19.83           | Y                 | Y                 |
| NC       | CONC         | Verizon South Inc.                              | \$10.12           | \$9.21           | \$17.57           |                   | Y                 |
| VA       | COVA         | Verizon South Inc.                              | \$12.75           | \$6.99           | \$9.74            | Y                 | Y                 |
| TX       | GTTX         | Verizon Southwest Inc.                          | \$8.49            | \$7.97           | \$8.74            | Y                 | Ÿ                 |
| TX       | сотх         | Verizon Southwest Inc.                          | \$9.84            | \$9.96           | \$18.40           | Y                 | Υ                 |
| AL       | COAL         | Verizon South Inc.                              | \$8.33            | \$16.60          | \$17.25           | Y                 | Υ                 |
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| State    |              | Company Name                                    |                   |                  |                   |                   |                   |
| DC       | CDDC         | Verizon Washington DC Inc.                      | \$3.81            | \$3.97           | \$6.05            | <u>N</u>          | N                 |
| MD       | CMMD         | Verizon Maryland Inc.                           | \$5.68            | \$5.44           | \$7.08            | N                 | N                 |
| VA       | CVVA         | Verizon Virginia Inc.                           | \$6.53            | \$6.33           | \$7.55            | ΥΥ                | Y                 |
| WV       | CWWV         | Verizon West Virginia Inc.                      | \$8.21            | \$7.63           | \$12.39           | Y                 | Υ                 |
| NJ       |              | Verizon New Jersey Inc.                         | \$6.21            | \$5.96           | \$7.33            | Υ                 | N                 |
| PA       | PAPA         | Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.                       | \$6.00            | \$5.81           | \$8.45            | Υ                 | N                 |
| DE       |              | Verizon Delaware Inc.                           | \$6.41            | \$6.37           | \$6.01            | Y                 | N                 |
| NY/NE    | NXTR         | Verizon New York/New England                    | \$6.41            | \$5.88           | \$6.24            | Y                 | N                 |
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